

MAR 13 1944

100TH BOMB GROUP (H) MISSION NUMBER 128.

Field Order Number: 177
 Primary Target: Noball/11.
 Secondary & Last Resort: None.
 Duty Officer: Capt. Arick
 Main Briefing: Lt. Terry
 Gunners' Briefing: Lt. Bowers.
 Time of Briefing: 0646 0530
 Time of Take Off: -----
 E. T. R.: -----
 Result: Scrubbed before Take Off.

P.R.C.

Noball/11

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DATE

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GP-100-SU-OP-5
MISSION No 128

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<u>Group</u>	<u>Type of A/C</u>	<u>Type of Support</u>	<u>No. A/C on Mission</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Claims</u>
361	P-47	Area	42	0	0-0-0
359	P-47	Area	48	0	0-0-0
352	P-47	Free-Lance Patrol	40	0	0-0-0
356	P-47	Free-Lance Patrol	36	0	0-0-0
353	P-47	Free-Lance Patrol	47	0	0-0-0
			213	0	0-0-0

NOTE: The foregoing is based on preliminary information and should not be used for record purposes.

AMENDMENT TO NARRATIVE OF 256TH OPERATION - 12 March - Pas de Calais

The six a/c previously unreported dropped 47 x 1000 G.P. on the primary target. One crew member was slightly wounded. Of the 52 a/c over the target 26 received minor battle damage from flak and one crash landed and was a category "E".

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

MAR 17 1944

EIGHTH AIR FORCE NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

257th Operation - 13 March, 1944

Pas de Calais Area

Twelve groups of heavy bombers - 133 B-17s and 151 B-24s - escorted by five groups of P-47s, were airborne to attack targets in the Pas de Calais area, but weather prevented bombing of any of the assigned primaries. Crews reported 10/10 low cloud and 5/10 to 6/10 medium cloud over the targets, and as a result all except seven a/c returned with their bombs. Seven B-17s took advantage of a cloud break over Poix A/D to drop 84 x 500 G.P. on this opportunity target. Clouds closed in again immediately, so that no assessment can be made of results.

No e/a were encountered by either bombers or fighters and the latter reported a completely uneventful mission, with no P-47s lost. Moderate but accurate flak experienced by bombers over Abbeville and in the vicinity of targets accounted for the loss of two B-17s and minor battle damage to 28 B-17s and 17 B-24s. In addition, one B-24 crashed in England, killing six of the crew.

BOMBER OPERATIONS

<u>Unit</u>	(AB	Disp.	<u>Number of Aircraft</u>			<u>Tons on O.T.'s</u>	<u>Claims</u>
			<u>Primary</u>	<u>Attacked</u>	<u>Lost</u>)		
1ST BOMB DIV.							
41st C.W.	25	21	0	0	1	0	0-0-0
94th C.W.	65	64	0	7	1	21	0-0-0
	90	85	0	7	2	21	0-0-0
<u>2ND BOMB DIV.</u>							
2nd C.W.	76	73	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
20th C.W.	75	71	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
	151	144	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
<u>3RD BOMB DIV.</u>							
4th C.W.	22	21	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
13th C.W.	21	21	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
	43	42	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
<u>OPERATIONAL TOTALS</u>	284	271	0	7	2	21	0-0-0

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100th GP. FORMATION - 5-15-44

FORMATION POSITION

LEAD SQUADRON

FATHAND

MASON - 723 (R)

MORGAN - 957 (D) STOUT - 710 (P)

COWAN - 249 (B) L

MONRAD - 066 (H) WILSON - 534 (N)

LOW SQUADRON

HELMICK - 867 (Z)

HIGH SQUADRON

SHYBOY

REARWHEEL

LAURO - 504 (Q)

DEVORE - 981 (E)

THOMAS - 091 (S) FORBRACHE - 152 (X)

PEARSON - 537 (S) GIBBON - 968 (O)

FORSYTHE - 175 (O)

GOURH - 830 (Y)

MYLIUS - 985 (F)

HARPER - 895 (Y)

McKAY - 934 (Z)

MALOCLY - 220 (P)

IACY - 389 (J)

COMPOSITE GROUP

MASSOL - 047 (O)

SPARES

GROUND SPARES - 256 - 361

649 - 360

783 - 349

350th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), AAF
 100th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 APO # 634

13 March 1944

ROSTER OF COMBAT CREWS ON OPERATIONAL MISSION FOR 13 MARCH 1944

CREW # 12 PLANE # 31220

P - F J Malooly
 CP - Lt R W Baillie
 N - Lt G H Mauvais
 B - Lt R W Guida
 R - Sgt R C Barrie
 E - T/Sgt A J Perry
 BT - S/Sgt N A Fardee
 RW - S/Sgt W A Miller
 LW - S/Sgt L W Yeager
 TG - S/Sgt L G Genovese

CREW # 15 PLANE # 31981

Lt Devore
 Lt R R Kroske
 Capt. Lt J H Payne
 Capt. Lt R E Peel
 T/Sgt R D Longworth
 T/Sgt H L Longhi
 S/Sgt N DelGimmuto
 S/Sgt J J Barry
 S/Sgt D R Dickenson
 S/Sgt K Knudson

CREW # 51 PLANE # 31880

Lt G H Gough
 Lt W T Fitzroy
 Lt J E Magnecker
 Lt J A Carty
 T/Sgt E E Postel
 T/Sgt J J Good
 S/Sgt O A Benedict
 S/Sgt D J Bruns
 S/Sgt A B Roberts
 S/Sgt P K Troetschel

CREW # 52 PLANE # 31968

P - Lt J P Gibbons
 CP - Lt R Dykeman
 N - Lt E M Johnson
 B - Lt S B Blakeman
 R - Sgt E Walker
 E - T/Sgt I L Arnold
 BT - S/Sgt B L Spragg
 RW - S/Sgt M J Ettus
 LW - S/Sgt F W Buschmier
 TG - S/Sgt A W Bunting

CREW # 55 PLANE # 31687

Lt D S Pearson
 Lt W D Land
 Lt H C Becker
 Lt L E Smith
^{S/M/S} Lt L E Smith
 T/Sgt N Sansevere
 T/Sgt H J Rene
 S/Sgt F I Karin
 S/Sgt B F Truesdell
 S/Sgt H J Scrivener
 S/Sgt G P Zige

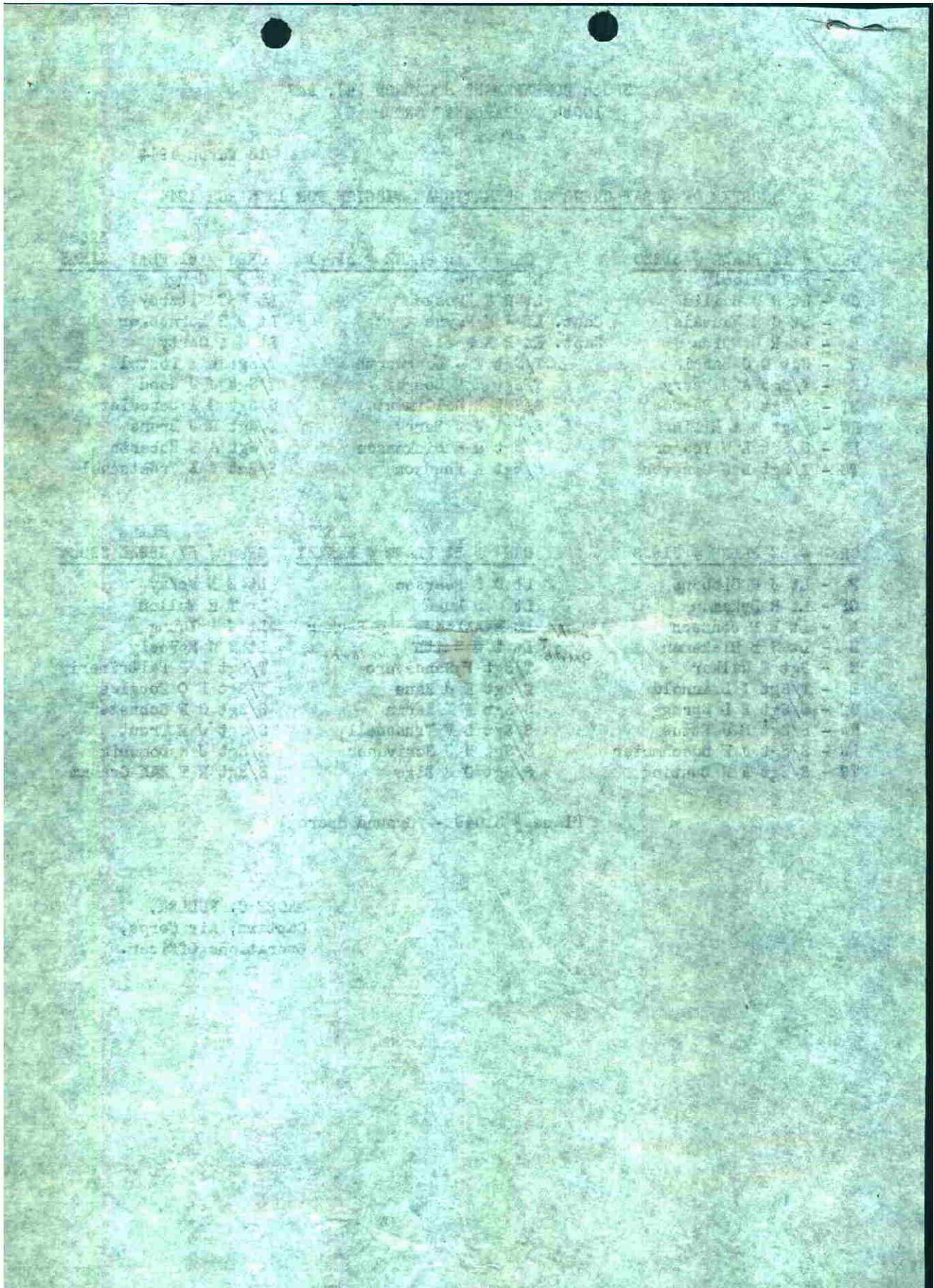
PLANE # 57 # 31881 39934

Lt E H McKay
 Lt T H Muller
 Lt J A Young
 Lt S W McFeely
 T/Sgt L P Paltrineri
 T/Sgt F O Douglas
 S/Sgt G F Schuster
 S/Sgt J E Trout
 S/Sgt J W Domenig
 S/Sgt R T E Graham

Plane # 31049 -- Ground Spare

MAGEE C. FULLER,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

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STUDY OF ENEMY SIGHTING...MISSION 31 201100Z MAR 1944 FROM SA 134M
SOUTHWESTERN FRANCEMAIN BRIEFING

REBRIEFING DATE

13 March 1944

BRIEFING O.

Henry

1. TARGETS: (IMPORTANCE, SIZE & IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS)

A. PRIMARY TARGET: Cross Bow target located in the Bois D' Esquerdes

Wash - 1 mi - N + S $\times \frac{3}{4}$ mi W E

4 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles SW from center of St Omer

almost exactly between two RR that run parallel
in SW direction from N + S port of St Omer

Blegen River - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi S. of place where it passes through a strip of woods

B. SECONDARY TARGET: Strip of woods -

C. LAST RESORT:

None

1. TARGETS: (IMPORTANCE, SIZE & IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS)

Pointe du Hoc - Barge - Fruges

2. ROUTE: (FLAK AREAS ON ROUTE IN & RETURN)

I.P. - Target - Etaples

A. FROM ENEMY COAST TO I.P.:

~~TO TARGET~~ Fruges

FRUGES - few guns firing at us the last time we were here
a few scattered gun emplacements in woods SE of target
BOULOGNE + ST. INGLEVART ^{MARCK} Defense E + NE very heavy
WATTEN Defense - 12 miles North - Heavy

B. FROM I.P. TO TARGET:

60 guns in ST. OMER area - only 34 thought to be in range

Avord - ST. POL (11 heavy guns)

Avord - ETAPLES + north - Heavy defense

C. GUNS AT P.T.:

GUNS AT S.T.:

GUNS AT L.R.:

HEAVY 10

HEAVY _____

HEAVY _____

D. MOBILE FLAK UNITS on RR cars or BARGES (if any)

VILLAGE OF FRUGES - a few guns firing at some ships on other mission

1. FLAK UNITS

3. ENEMY FIGHTERS: WITHIN MILES OF THE TARGET.

A. NUMBER: S/E 65 T/E 50 F/B 30 RTU _____

B. TACTICS: (anything new or unusual)

none

5. EPIADIASCOPES

6. CLOSING REMARKS:

MAKE AS MANY OBSERVATIONS AS POSSIBLE...REPORTING SAME TO YOUR
NAVIGATOR.

IF CAPTURED....NAME, RANK & SERIAL NUMBER.

7. AIRBORNE

8. GROUND

DO NOT TRY TO ESCAPE IF CAPTURED, THIS IS A WARZONE, YOU ARE
NOT A PRISONER.

IF CAPTURED....NAME, RANK & SERIAL NUMBER.

GROUND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE										
SUBJECT	DATE									
CREW	P	CP	M	B	R	E	ETG	RWG	LWG	TG
1					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
31					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
41					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
42					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
??					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

345th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (V), ARMY AIR FORCES
Office of the Operations Officer

13 March 1944

ALERT LIST FOR MONDAY 13 MARCH 1944.

Crew # 1 Ship # 726

P - 1st Lt. Mason, F. H.
CP - Capt. Reeder, S. H.
N - 2nd Lt. Dishion, W. J.
B - 2nd Lt. Kreco, Adam
R - T/Sgt. Gutsch, R. D.
E - T/Sgt. Ellsworth, R. C.
B - S/Sgt. Westlake, C.
RW - S/Sgt. Levee, C.S.
LN - S/Sgt. Lubanks, J. Z.
TG - S/Sgt. Tarr, V. H.

Crew # 41 Ship # 710

P - 1st Lt. Stout, J. R.
CP - 2nd Lt. Lunaford, R. C.
N - 2nd Lt. EM Nelson, R. H.
B - 2nd Lt. Polak, O. G.
R - T/Sgt. Dougherty, J. S.
E - T/Sgt. Clegg, L. M.
BT - S/Sgt. Greene, D. B.
RW - S/Sgt. Galkin, E. R.
LN - S/Sgt. McDermott, R. J.
TG - S/Sgt. Lynch, C. W.

Crew # 42 Ship # 987

P - 1st Lt. Morgan, L. R.
CP - 2nd Lt. Ward, R.O.
N - 2nd Lt. McCormick, R.E.
B - S/Sgt. Lafae, S.J.
R - T/Sgt. Verdusco, T.L.
E - T/Sgt. Lobb, M.L.
BT - S/Sgt. Lyon, D.C.
RW - S/Sgt. Fleckner, H.G.
LN - S/Sgt. Lash, L.R.
TG - S/Sgt. Gomez, E.P.

Crew # 45 Ship # 249

P - 1st Lt. Cowan, C.H.
CP - 2nd Lt. Dibbern, H.A.
N - 2nd Lt. Robertson, F.W.
B - 2nd Lt. Heynehan, H.L.
R - T/Sgt. Mayers, S.
E - T/Sgt. Holditch, M.W.
BT - S/Sgt. Seigle, W.A.
RW - S/Sgt. Patrick, S.
LN - S/Sgt. Stoppel, A.C.
TG - S/Sgt. Kumble, H.K.

Crew # 4 Ship # 249

P - 2nd Lt. Wilson, M.V.
CP - 2nd Lt. Adams, C.S.
N - 2nd Lt. Johnston, J.L.
B - 2nd Lt. Levy, F.A.
R - T/Sgt. Sweeny, P.J.
E - S/Sgt. McAlister, J.W.
BT - S/Sgt. Hopkins, C.J.
RW - Sgt. Morland, W.E.
LN - Sgt. Dominus, G.B.
TG - Sgt. Davis, C.G.

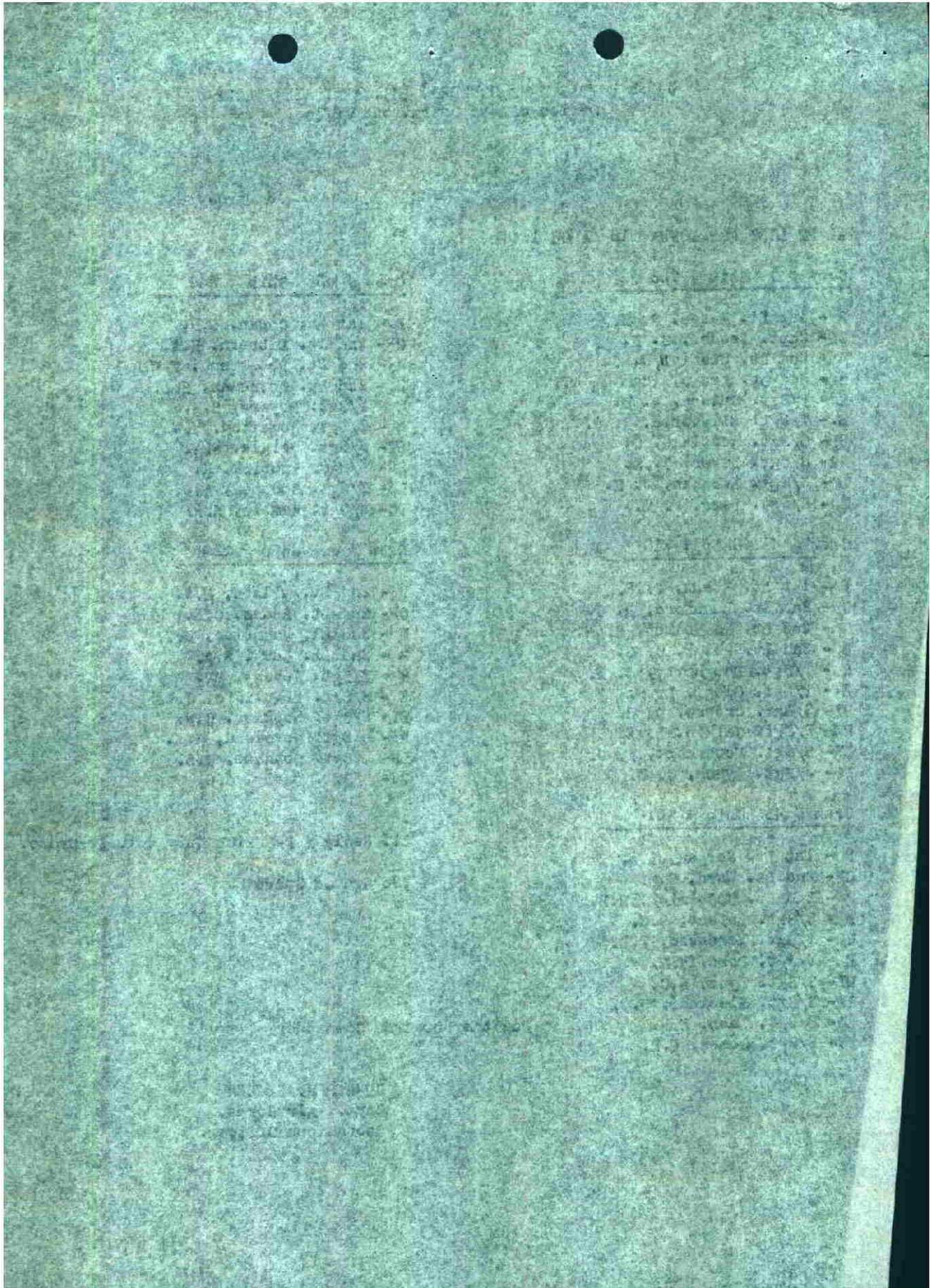
Lt. Seely & P/O King Duty Rev. At Group.

783 Ground Spare.

For the Squadron Commander:

SUMNER H. REEDER,
Capt., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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LOADING LIST FOR OPERATIONAL MISSION OF 13 MARCH 1944.

Crew No. 27 - Plane No. 066

P - 2nd Lt. R. V. E. Monrad
 CP - 2nd Lt. J. Goodbread
 N - 2nd Lt. A. Edwin Stern, Jr. (70)
 B - S/Sgt. J. M. Delaney
 R - T/Sgt. H. A. Bonn
 E - T/Sgt. H. A. Smallwood
 BT - S/Sgt. C. L. Anglin
 RW - S/Sgt. E. T. Morgan (xtra)
 LW - S/Sgt. T. P. Buntin (xtra)
 TG - S/Sgt. J. Rupnick, Jr.

Crew No. 64 - Plane No. 389

1st Lt. L. G. Lacy
 2nd Lt. C. E. Schindler
 2nd Lt. A. Franklin
 2nd Lt. F. C. Gregory
 T/Sgt. C. H. Wood, Jr.
 T/Sgt. C. J. Darknard
 S/Sgt. L. Black, Jr.
 S/Sgt. J. S. Folsom
 S/Sgt. R. J. Mitchell
 S/Sgt. J. A. Howell

Crew No. 67 - Plane No. 983

P - 2nd Lt. G. W. Mylius, Jr.
 CP - 2nd Lt. W. G. McCoy
 N - 2nd Lt. C. J. Galligan
 B - 2nd Lt. N. T. High
 R - S/Sgt. V. J. Wood
 E - S/Sgt. J. R. Russell
 BT - Sgt. C. E. Brown
 RW - S/Sgt. C. E. McSpadden
 LW - Sgt. E. J. Sullivan
 TG - S/Sgt. H. D. Fern

Crew No. 68 - Plane No. 867

2nd Lt. R. H. Helmick
 2nd Lt. J. F. Leirich
 2nd Lt. S. S. Kranzler
 2nd Lt. H. Greenberg
 S/Sgt. J. G. Kelley
 T/Sgt. G. E. Madden
 S/Sgt. R. M. Myers
 S/Sgt. H. W. Johnson
 S/Sgt. J. L. Shope
 S/Sgt. G. F. Coulam

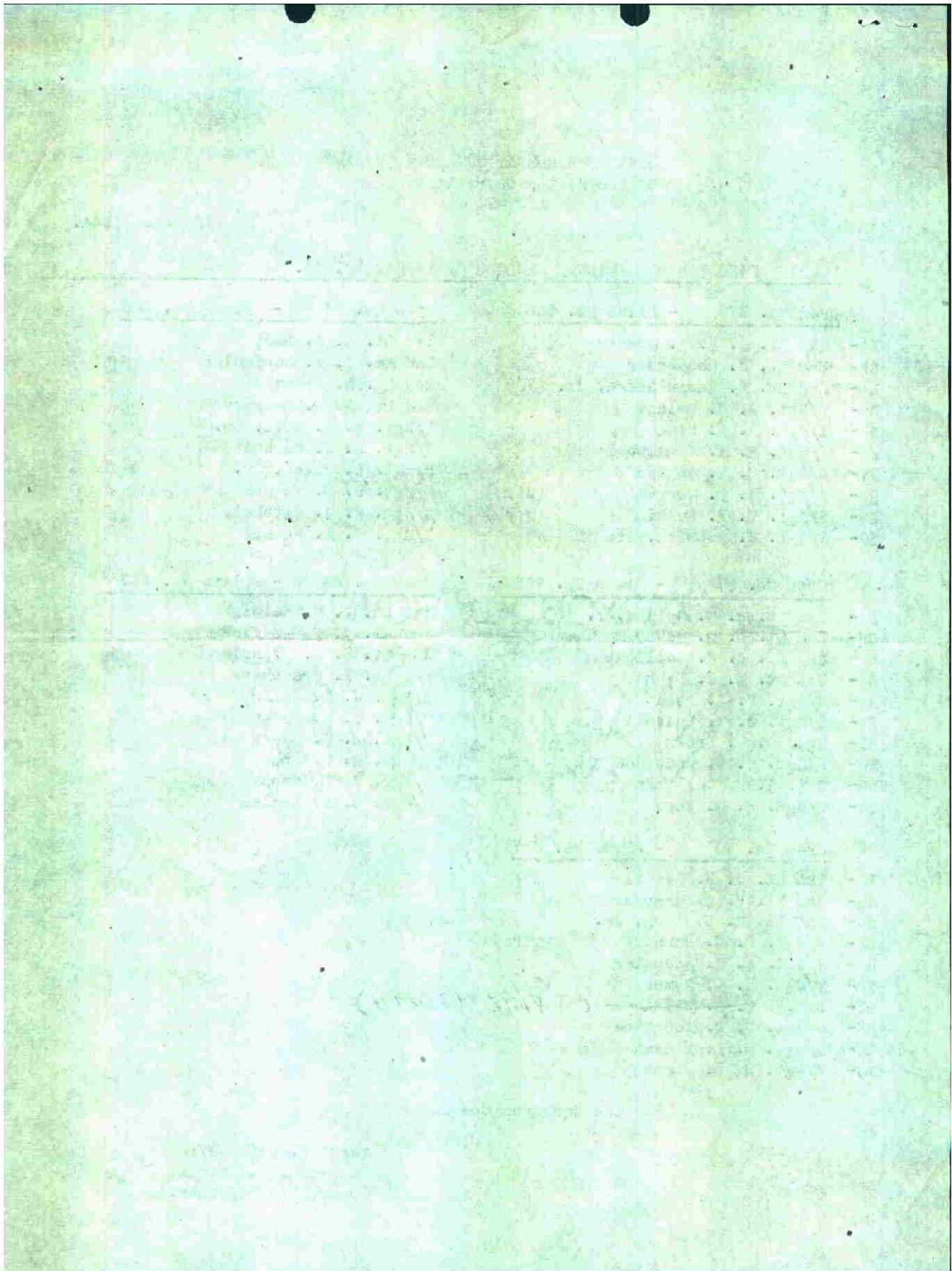
Crew No. 70 - Plane No. 047

P - 1st Lt. J. F. Massel
 CP - 2nd Lt. H. D. Granger
 N - 2nd Lt. E. G. King, Jr.
 B - T/Sgt. D. G. Bennett (xtra)
 R - T/Sgt. A. J. Spengler
 E - T/Sgt. E. L. Symes (23)
 BT - S/Sgt. W. G. Williams C.J. PATE (350TH)
 RW - S/Sgt. O. H. McCartney
 LW - S/Sgt. W. L. Reneau
 TG - S/Sgt. H. E. Garmon

For the Squadron Commander:

JACK R. SWARTOUT,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

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FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
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11 March 1944

COMBAT CREWS ON OPERATIONAL MISSION OF THIS DATECREW NO. 30 P # 42-31504

Capt F. G. Lauro	P
Lt. E. E. Greassamar	CP
Lt. R. Horvath	N
Lt. W. Green	B
S/Sgt H. H. Greenfield	R
T/Sgt D. Thompson	E
S/Sgt M. Schrier	BTG
S/Sgt W. R. Heathman	RWG
S/Sgt G. J. Will	LWG
S/Sgt A. R. Tirrell	TG

CREW NO. 36 P # 42-30091

Lt. W. H. Thomas	P
Lt. J. J. Raring	CP
Lt. H. J. Brice	N
S/Lt. N. E. Entwistle	B
T/Sgt C. E. Akin	R
T/Sgt C. A. Leavitt	E
Sgt W. B. Smaschuk	BTG
S/Sgt W. W. Moore	RWG
S/Sgt E. A. Vollmer	LWG
S/Sgt D. S. McGill	TG

CREW NO. 31 P # 42-30152

Lt. E. E. Ferbrache	P
Lt. A. D. Slatinsky	CP
Lt. B. Hufsey	N
Lt. D. N. Hegge	B
S/Sgt J. P. Lucarelli	R
T/Sgt H. H. Patterson	E
S/Sgt W. T. Behr	BTG
S/Sgt C. H. Leming	RWG
S/Sgt S. J. Luisstro	LWG
S/Sgt H. O. Williams	TG

CREW NO. 76 P # 42-31895

Lt. J. C. Harper	P
Lt. T. L. Hulsey	CP
Lt. C. C. Cowing	N
Lt. W. A. Maagale	B
T/Sgt R. E. Hudson	R
T/Sgt W. S. Carter	E
S/Sgt J. B. Kyro	BTG
S/Sgt F. A. Padstawski	RWG
S/Sgt K. C. Helming	LWG
S/Sgt J. L. Mauk	TG

CREW NO. 77 P # 42-38175

Lt. W. C. Forsythe	P
Lt. P. H. Haralson	CP
Lt. A. H. Paine	N
Lt. R. W. McAtee	B
T/Sgt P. J. Buck	R
T/Sgt P. J. Johnston	E
S/Sgt P. VanSlyck	BTG
S/Sgt J. A. Codoluto	RWG
S/Sgt N. C. Linke	LWG
S/Sgt R. D. Schad	TG

AUTHORIZED ADMISSION

CHECK NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS
PRESENT OTHER THAN CRE / MEMBERS

ABBEY, LT.	TURNER, MAJOR
BALL, LT.	WILLIAMS, J.C. LT.
BARR, CAPT.	WILLIAMS, M. M/SGT.

BENNETT, MAJOR	S-2 DUTY OFFICER <u>Capt. Arick</u>
BLAKELY, CAPT.	<u>Lt. Terry</u>
CARNELL, CAPT.	<u>Lt. Bowers</u>
CLOUTER, LT.	<u>S/Sgt. Turner</u>
CROSBY, CAPT.	<u>S/Sgt. Gannon</u>
DOUGLASS, CAPT.	<u>S/Sgt. Wm. Smith</u>
ELTON, MAJOR	<u>Sgt. Clark</u>
FLESHER, LT. COL.	<u>Sgt. Charlton</u>
FRYE, LT.	
FULLER, CAPT.	
HARDING, COL.	DUTY NAVIGATOR <u>Lt. Kelly</u>
HANDY, CAPT.	DUTY BOMBARDIER <u>Lt. Abbey</u>
HIBBARD, LT.	*****
IANNACONE, CAPT.	Add additional names when verbally
KIRD, LT. COL.	authorized by S-2 Duty Officer:
KIESLING, CAPT.	
KINLER, CAPT.	
KNIGHT, CAPT.	
LASH, CAPT.	
LUCKADOO, LT.	
MCCARTHY, CAPT.	
REEDER, CAPT.	DATE OF BRIEFING <u>13 March, 1944.</u>
SHAW, MAJOR	
STOVER, CAPT.	

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PRESENT OTHER THAN CREW MEMBERS

ABBEY, LT.

TURNER, MAJOR

BALL, LT.

WILLIAMS, J.C. LT.

BARR, CAPT.

WILLIAMS, M. M/SGT.

BENNETT, MAJOR

S-2 DUTY OFFICER Capt. ArickLt. Terry

BLAKILLY, CAPT.

Lt. Bowars

CARNELL, CAPT.

S/Sgt. TurnerLt. Terry

CLUTTER, LT.

S/Sgt. CannonLt. Bowars

CROSBY, CAPT.

S/Sgt. Wm. SmithS/Sgt. Cannon

DOUGLASS, CAPT.

Sgt. ClarkSgt. Clark

ELTON, MAJOR

Sgt. CharltonSgt. CharltonLt. Kelly

FLESHER, LT. COL.

DUTY NAVIGATOR Lt. KellyLt. Kelly

FREE, LT.

DUTY BOMBARDIER Lt. AbbeyLt. Abbey*****

FULLER, CAPT.

Add additional names when verbally
authorized by S-2 Duty Officer:Capt. FederCapt. G.K. Crocker Radio*****

HARDING, COL.

<u

CHECK SHEET
Duty Officer

(Date)

(Check each of following as handled)

SPECIAL NOTESBRIEFING INFORMATION

1. From File Room _____
2. From Map Room _____
3. Course, pictures & maps (War Room) _____
4. Pictures & maps (Main Briefing Room) _____
5. Course - Briefing Rooms (Duty Navigator) _____
6. Bulk maps & pictures to Map Room _____
7. Epidiascope pictures prepared _____

FOODFIRES

1. Gunners' Briefing Room (Tele. #53) _____
2. Main Briefing Room (By 2400 hours) _____

GUARDS

1. Authorized Admission List _____
2. Posting _____
3. Dismissal _____

P/W KITS

1. Loading _____
2. Check out sheet & EM assignment _____

POST BRIEFING

1. Personal property & issue records to S-2 _____
2. Main Briefing Rm. (Lights out, stoves closed) _____
3. Briefing Material to Files in folder _____
(Removed from both Briefing Rooms)

(Fill in time or name)

1. Pre-Briefing at 05:15
2. Briefing at 05:30
3. Time over target 10:44
4. ETR no control time (11:20 net)
5. No. Crews on Mission 21
6. File & Map clerks called at 04:00
7. Other EM called at 04:00
8. Officers notified at:

- a. Main Briefing 03:45
- b. Gunners' Briefing 03:45
- c. Major Shaw Pass

9. Assignments:

- a. Gunners' Epidiascope Sgt. Martin
- b. Main Br. Epidiascope Sgt Clark
- c. P/W Kits Sgt Dennis
- d. Map Room Sgt Smith

10. Personal phone calls stopped 04:15

NOTE: Official telephone calls are to be noted in the Journal. Time, Date & Duty Officer's initials go on each order or annex received from Operations.

THE FOLLOWING SHIPS HAVE CAMERAS INSTALLED WHICH WILL GO
OFF AUTOMATICALLY WITH BOMBS AWAY.

047
957
249
968
557
175
504

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047
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504

GUNNERS' BRIEFING

1. TARGET: (General Location, importance, size)

P.T. Bois d'Esquerdes - [50°41'28"N - 02°10'15"E]
 SW tip of wood about 7 miles SW of Omer

S.T.

5020-0133 0+25
 5034-0229 0+36
 Target 0+49

5042-0200
 5020-0133

Beach Head

L.R.

2. ROUTE IN (Timing data)

- a. Taxi 0815
- b. Take off 0830
- c. Rendezvous with other Groups _____
- d. Reach Bombing altitude _____
- e. Temperature at Bombing altitude 16.2-32°C
- f. Leave British coast 012
- g. Arrive Enemy Coast _____
- h. ETA at IP for PT _____
- i. Axis of attack SE-NW
- j. PT (s) 1044
- k. Rally point _____

3. ENEMY DEFENSES

- 6-7/11
Lives
Junks*
- a. KNOWN Flak areas along route in and out: (Number & Type of Guns)
 If Known (Mobile Flak units; on RR cars & barges)

Boulogne Area

Le Tréport

Portes
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- b. FLAK around P. T. # Heavy guns 60: # light guns 150
- c. FLAK around S. T. # Heavy guns _____: # light guns _____
- d. FLAK around L. R. # Heavy guns _____: # light guns _____

- c. E/A: Types... within 130 miles radius of the Target:

Number - S/E 105; T/E 115; F/B _____; RTU _____.

- d. Other defenses:

- a. Smoke Screen
- b. Decoys

- b. Group leading our formation _____
c. Positions of Squadrons in our Group: Lead _____; High _____;
Low _____;
d. Bombing alt. of our Group 20000 ft; other Groups _____
e. Bomb load 750 lbs
f. Other efforts:
Targets and times of Diversions and other Friendly efforts:

5. FIGHTER SUPPORT (Turn against firing against our own escort)

- a. Type of A/C _____; Strength _____
b. Time and place of rendezvous _____
c. Extent of escort:

6. EPIRADIASCOPE

7. CLOSING REMARKS

- a. All observations - TIME, PLACE AND ALTITUDE

b. Hot News - report time, place, and altitude of our A/C down
or going down at sea; or enemy territory and enemy Naval Forces.

c. NOTIFY NAVIGATOR IMMEDIATELY IF E/A IS BELIEVED DAMAGED OR
DESTROYED SO THAT PROPER NOTE IS MADE IN NAVIGATOR'S LOG

d. If captured: Name, Rank, and Serial No.

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ADVANCE WARNING TO 3 B..D. FIELD ORDER 177.

2. A. TARGETS:

CROSSBOW.

Z3047 - 45TH COM WG
Z3110C - 100TH GP.
Z3115 - 94TH GP.
Z3122 - 447TH GP.
Z3061 - 385TH GP.
Z3018 - 195TH GP.
Z3094 - 390TH GP.

B. FORCE REQUIRED:

4TH COM WG - 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP
13TH COM WG - 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP
45TH COM WG - 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP.

3. X. (1) ZERO HOUR: 1200 B.S.T. 13TH MARCH 1944.

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(2) BOMB LOAD:

4TH AND 13TH COM WGS: 12 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS,
FUSING 1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL.

45TH COM WG: 12 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING
1/10 NOSE, 1/40 TAIL.

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(3) BOMBING WILL BE DONE BY SQUADRONS.

(4) TIME OVER TARGETS: ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES TO
ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MINUTES.

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3D BOMB DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 177.

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT:

2 GROUPS P-47'S WILL PROVIDE GENERAL AREA SUPPORT FROM ZERO HOUR MINUS 5 MINUTES UNTIL ZERO HOUR PLUS 65 MINUTES
 3 GROUPS P-47'S ON TYPE 16 CONTROL WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THE TARGET AREA FROM ZERO HOUR MINUS 15 MINUTES TO THE LIMIT OF ENDURANCE.

B. FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

1ST DIVISION FORCES WILL ATTACK CROSSBOW TARGETS Z3001, Z3026, Z3075, Z3004B, Z3054, Z3148, Z3031 BETWEEN ZERO HOUR PLUS 46 MINUTES AND ZERO HOUR PLUS 65 MINUTES.

2ND DIVISION FORCES WILL ATTACK CROSSBOW TARGETS Z3069, Z3125, Z3140, Z3096 BETWEEN ZERO HOUR MINUS 5 MINUTES AND ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES.

2. A. TARGETS:

PRIMARY:
 CROSSBOW.

Z3047	M.P.I. 087044/2	452ND, 96TH, 388TH GPS.
Z3094		390TH GP.
Z3061		385TH GP.
Z3110C		100TH GP.
Z3115		94TH GP.
Z3122		477TH GP.
Z3018		95TH GP.

SECONDARY AND LAST RESORT: 95TH GROUP ONLY - FLAK BATTERIES NOS. 1, 2 ON MAP NO.6, FOLIONO. 3.
 ALL OTHER GROUPS - NONE.

B. FORCE REQUIRED:

4TH COM WG	- 3 GROUPS	- 21 A/C PER GROUP
13TH COM WG	- 3 GROUPS	- 21 A/C PER GROUP
45TH COM WG	- 3 GROUPS	- 21 A/C PER GROUP.

C. ROUTES:

(1) TARGET Z3047.

BEACHY HEAD (20,000 FT)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 2 MINS
5020-0133E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINS
5035-0200E (I.P.)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 23 MINS
TARGET	ZERO HOUR PLUS 35 MINS
DOVER	NO CONTROL TIMES ON ROUTE BACK.

TIMINGS ARE FOR LEAD GROUP. FOLLOWING GROUPS WILL DEPART BEACHY HEAD AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 4 AND PLUS 6 MINUTES RESPECTIVELY.

(2) TARGETS Z3094, Z3061, Z3110C.

BEACHY HEAD (20,000 FT)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 8 MINS
5020-0133E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 21 MINS
5034-0229E (I.P.)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 32 MINS
TARGET (Z3094)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 44 MINS
5042-0200E	NO CONTROL TIMES ON
5020-0133E	ROUTE BACK.
BEACHY HEAD.	

TIMINGS ARE FOR GROUP ON TARGET Z3094.
 GROUP ON TARGET Z3061 WILL DEPART BEACHY HEAD
 AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES FOLLOWED BY GROUP
 ON TARGET Z3110C AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 12 MINUTES.

(3) TARGET Z3115.

BEACHY HEAD (20,000 FT)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 12 MINS
5020-0133E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 25 MINS
5031-0249E (I.P.)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 39 MINS
TARGET	ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MINS
5020-0133E	NO CONTROL TIMES ON
BEACHY HEAD	ROUTE BACK.

(4) TARGET Z3122

BEACHY HEAD (20,000 FT)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 6 MINS
4945-0135E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 24 MINS
5012-0232E (I.P.)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 39 MINS
TARGET	ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MINS
5020-0133E	NO CONTROL TIMES ON
BEACHY HEAD	ROUTE BACK.

(5) TARGET Z3018

BEACHY HEAD (20,000 FT)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 3 MINS
4945-0135E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 21 MINS
4940-0156E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 24 MINS
4950-0212E (I.P.)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 29 MINS
TARGET	ZERO HOUR PLUS 42 MINS
4959-0134E	NO CONTROL TIMES ON
BEACHY HEAD	ROUTE BACK.

DESCENT TO MINIMUM ALTITUDE WILL BEGIN AT
 ENEMY COAST ON ROUTE BACK.

D. BOMBING ALTITUDES:

ALL GROUPS 20,000 FEET.

B. A. THE 4TH COMBAT WING WILL ATTACK CROSSBOW TARGETS
 Z3115, Z3122, Z3061.

B. THE 13TH COMBAT WING WILL ATTACK CROSSBOW TARGETS
 Z3094, Z3018, Z3110C.

C. THE 45TH COMBAT WING WILL ATTACK CROSSBOW TARGET
 Z3047.

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(2) BOMB LOAD:

4TH AND 13TH COM WGS: 12 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING

1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL.

45TH COM WG: 12 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING 1/10 NOSE
 1/40 TAIL.

(3) BOMBING WILL BE DONE BY SQUADRONS.

(4) NO SECOND RUNS WILL BE MADE.

(5) ALL UNITS WILL LOSE 2,000 FEET IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOMBING TO AVOID POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE WITH 1ST DIVISION FORCES ATTACKING TARGETS IN THE SAME AREA AT 20,000 FEET.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

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4. NORMAL. COM WGS: WILL FORWARD COPIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELD ORDERS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. SPLASHER BEACONS ON DURING ENTIRE MISSION
AA, 5B, 6C, 7D, 8E, 9F, 10G, 11H, 16I

B. GEE INFORMATION: EASTERN WYOMING AND SOUTHERN CAROLINA CHAINS ON GRADE A TRANSMISSION DURING ENTIRE MISSION

C. MF D/F SECTION "H"

D. AUTHENTICATORS:-

W/T:- BOMBER CODE GROUP FOR "W/T"

VHF:- "IRON BOX"

E. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CHANNEL "C":- AMERICAN FIGHTER COMMON

F. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CALLSIGNS:

BOMBERS: GOLDSMITH ONE

FIGHTERS: DENVER ONE

GROUND SECTOR: TACKLINE

(NOTE:- WHEN REQUESTING FIGHTER AID BOMBERS WILL GIVE FULL INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION, HEIGHT, DIRECTION, AND NUMBER OF ATTACKING ENEMY FIGHTERS.

G. RCM:-

(1) CARPET:- WILL BE CARRIED BY ALL EQUIPPED OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT AND WILL BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS

(2) MANDREL:- NONE

(3) WINDOW:- EACH AIRCRAFT OF THE FOLLOWING WILL CARRY 45 COMBAT WING:- 660 UNITS OF CHAFF.

94 GROUP:- 440 UNITS

95 GROUP:- 440 UNITS

100-385-390 GROUPS 400 UNITS

ALL AIRCRAFT WILL DROP AT THE RATE OF ONE UNIT PER 3 SECONDS.

45 COMBAT WING WILL START DISCHARGING CHAFF UPON CROSSING THE ENEMY COAST AND CONTINUE FOR 28 MINUTES.

94 GROUP AND 95 GROUPS WILL START DISCHARGING AT A POINT FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE IP AND CONTINUE FOR 22 MINUTES.

100-385-390 GROUPS WILL START DISCHARGING AT A POINT FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE IP AND CONTINUE FOR 20 MINUTES.

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MISSION FOLDER CHECK LIST

1. Warning order, field order, annexes

Target maps & illustrations:

- Briefing information:
- a) Main Briefing
 - b) Gunners' briefing.
 - c) Camera installations
 - d) Authorized lists of admission.

2. Formation chart;

Interrogation Forms;

- Combat forms &
- a) Letter of transmittal
 - b) 3rd B.D. evaluated encounters letter,
 - c) Evaluated Encounters ltr, 3rd B.D. to Station S-1

3. A/C Returning early:

Hot News (A/C in distress, and shipping)

Statistical Telephone

Narrative telephone or teletype

Intelligence Report

Aircraft landing Away

PRO Reports

- Miscellaneous reports
- a) Medical
 - b) Equipment malfunctions
 - c) Crew suggestions to C.O.
 - d) Battle damage
 - e) Sortie information
 - f) Flak

Missing A/C and Missing Crew reports

4. 3rd B.D. Flash report, & Narrative teletype

Strike photos, raid assessments, ECNO, etc.

Statistical Work sheet;

Mission folder check list.

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DAILY SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

14 MARCH, 1944

1. EIGHTH AIR FORCE - DAY 13 MARCH, 1944

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE DISPATCHED 127 B-17'S AND 144 B-24'S TO ATTACK TARGETS IN THE PAS DE CALAIS AREA. 10/10 LOW CLOUD WITH 5/10 TO 6/10 MIDDLE CLOUD OVER THE PRIMARIES CAUSED ALL EXCEPT SEVEN BOMBERS TO RETURN WITH THEIR LOADS. SEVEN B-17'S DISCOVERED A CLOUD BREAK OVER AN A/D NEAR POIX AND DROPPED 21 TONS OF G.P. ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TARGET WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. ESCORT WAS BY FIVE GROUPS TOTALLING 213 P-47'S. NO E/A WERE ENCOUNTERED BY EITHER BOMBERS OR FIGHTERS AND NO CLAIMS ARE MADE. MODERATE BUT ACCURATE FLAK IN THE VICINITY OF THE TARGETS ACCOUNTED FOR THE LOSS OF TWO B-17'S AND MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE TO 28 B-17'S AND 17 B-24'S. ALL FIGHTERS RETURNED SAFELY.

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OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE 13TH MARCH, 1944.

USSTAF OPERATIONS: 12 MARCH:

EIGHTH AIR FORCE: 52 B-24'S WERE DISPATCHED ON A MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN THE PAS DE CALAIS, 46 ATTACKING THROUGH 10/10THS CLOUD. NO CLAIMS 6 B-24'S LANDED AWAY FROM BASE; NO LOSSES. WEATHER PREVENTED ASSIGNED FIGHTER ESCORT FROM TAKING OFF.

12 MARCH: 15TH AIR FORCE:
NO OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS UNDERTAKEN.

NIGHT 11/12 MARCH: HALIFAXES, B-24'S AND WELLINGTONS ATTACKED THE GENOA MARSHALLING YARDS.

WESTERN EUROPEAN THEATER: 12 MARCH:

ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY AIR FORCE: NO NINTH AIR FORCE OPERATIONS; R.A.F. MOSQUITO SCORED 2-0-1 ON THE GROUND AT CLERMONT/FERRAND AIRFIELD IN FRANCE.

12 ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPERATED OVER THE CHANNEL SOUTH OF BEACHY HEAD, FIVE OF WHICH MADE LANDFALL; SLIGHT PENETRATION, NO INCIDENTS.

NIGHT 12/13 MARCH: R.A.F. BOMBER COMMAND MOSQUITOES ATTACKED AACHEN AND DUISBURG, NO LOSSES.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER: 12 MARCH:

GROUND OPERATIONS: ITALY: ON THE THE 8TH ARMY FRONT, IN THE AREA OF ORSOGNA, ALLIED ARTILLERY BROKE UP THREATS OF ATTACK THREE TIMES.

ON THE 5TH ARMY FRONT, ACTIVITY WAS LIMITED TO PATROLLING.

ON THE ANZIO BRIDGEHEAD AREA, ACTIVITY WAS RESTRICTED TO PATROLLING AND OCCASIONAL ARTILLERY FIRE EXCHANGES.

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EASTERN EUROPEAN FRONT: 12 MARCH:

IN THE LOWER UKRAINE, RUSSIAN FORCES CONTINUED TO ADVANCE AND CUT THE PROSKUROV-GUSYATIN RAILWAY LINE SOME MILES BELOW PROSKUROV. STREET FIGHTING CONTINUED IN TARNOPOL.

IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST, THE RUSSIANS HAVE ESTABLISHED A BRIDGEHEAD ON THE BUG RIVER AND HAVE TAKEN IVANGOROD, KUBLIK, ZHULINKA, TEPLIK AND GAIVORON..

SOUTHWEST OF APOSTOLOVO, WHERE TWO GERMAN POCKETS HAVE COLLAPSED, THE RUSSIANS CROSSED THE INGULETS RIVER AT SEVERAL POINTS AND TOOK PRIVOLNOYE AND BOLSHAYA-ALEXANDROVKA.

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC THEATER.

11 MARCH:- IN NEW GUINEA IN THE WEWAK AREA, U.S. ESCORTED MEDIUM BOMBERS AND HEAVY BOMBERS DROPPED QWP XXXXXX 120 TONS OF H.E. BOMBS ON BORAM AIRFIELD AND SUPPLY AND DISPERSAL AREAS CAUSING WIDESPREAD DAMAGE. 26 ENEMY FIGHTERS WERE SHOT DOWN; TWO OF OUR PLANES FAILED TO RETURN.

IN NEW BRITAIN, U.S. HEAVY BOMBERS AND FIGHTER-BOMBERS ATTACKED RABAUL TOWNSHIPS, THE AIRFIELD AND WATERFRONT INSTALLATIONS CAUSING HEAVY DAMAGE.

IN NEW IRELAND, OUR AIR PATROLS BOMBED CAPE NARUM, MANTANAI AND KAVIENG. IN THE ADMIRALTY ISLANDS, U.S. HEAVY AND MEDIUM BOMBERS ATTCKED LORENGAU AIRFIELD ON MANUS ISLAND.

IN THE SOLOMONS, OUR MEDIUM, TORPEDO AND DIVE BOMBERS ATTACKED ENEMY POSITIONS NORTHEAST OF TOROKINA, ON BOUGAINVILLE.

IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC, U.S. AMPHIBIOUS FORCE OCCUPIED WOTHO ATOL ON THE MARSHALLS WITHOUT RESISTANCE.

INDIA-BURMA AND FAR EAST.

SOUTHEAST ASIA AIR COMMAND AIRCRAFT 9, 10 AND 11 MARCH ATTACKED RAILWAY AND SUPPLY TARGETS AT MOGAUNG AND WALAWBUM, GUN POSITIONS IN FORT WHITE AREA, LOCOMOTIVES IN MANDALAY/SHWEBO AREA, ENEMY POSITIONS IN THE MAUNGDAW/BUTHIDAUNG AREA, FACTORY BUILDINGS IN THE TAUNGUP/MAGWE AREA, MOTOR VESSELS IN THE HON BAY AND CAM PHA AREAS, DOCKS AT HONGKONG AND AIRFIELDS AT WELCHOW AND HON GAY.

ENEMY ATTACKS ON SHIPPING.

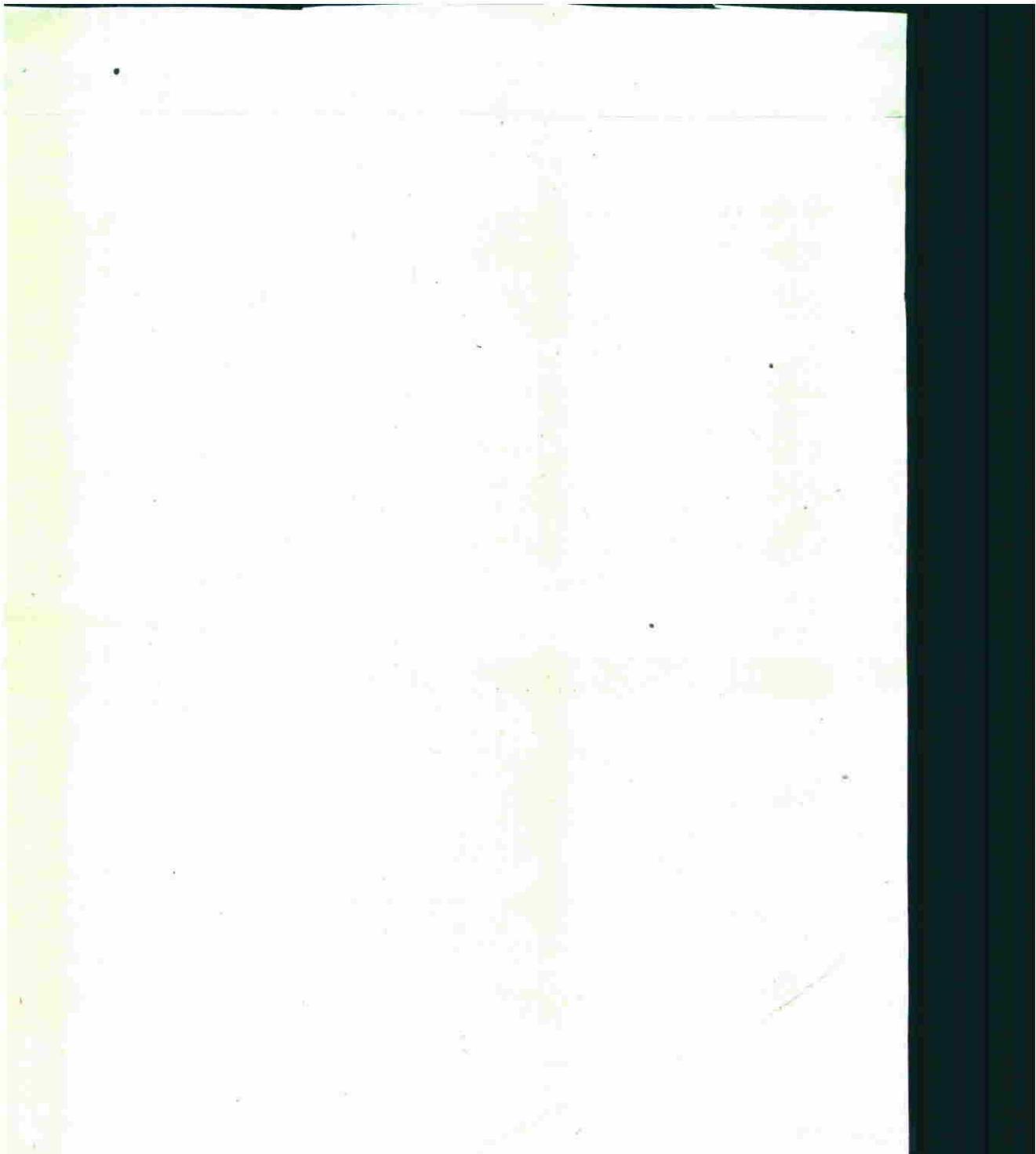
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DAILY SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

13 MARCH, 1944

1. EIGHTH AIR FORCE - DAY 12 MARCH, 1944

OF AN AIRBORNE FORCE OF 52 B-24'S THE SAME NUMBER WERE DISPATCHED FROM THE 44TH AND 392ND GROUPS, INCLUDING FOUR PFF AIRCRAFT OF THE 93RD GROUP, TO ATTACK A MILITARY INSTALLATION IN THE PAS DE CALAIS AREA. USING OVERCAST BOMBING TECHNIQUE 46 LIBERATORS MADE THE ATTACK, DROPPING 350 X 1000 G.P. AND 60 X 100 G.P., A TOTAL OF 178 TONS OF G.P. ON THE TARGET FROM 1058 TO 1104 HOURS FROM 18,000 TO 19,000 FEET. WEATHER WAS 10/10 FOR THE ENTIRE TRIP EXCEPT DIRECTLY OVER THE TARGET WHICH PERMITTED CREWS TO MAKE PARTIAL IDENTIFICATION OF THE TARGET THROUGH THE HAZE. FINDING THEIR BASES OBSCURED ON RETURN, ALL AIRCRAFT EXCEPT ONE PFF A/C LANDED AT BASES IN SOUTHEASTERN ENGLAND. CREWS OF SIX B-24'S ARE AS YET UNINTERROGATED BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY ALSO BOMBED THE TARGET.

PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION IS NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT PFF EQUIPMENT WAS IN EXCELLENT WORKING CONDITION AND CREWS BELIEVE THAT BOMBS FELL IN A GOOD PATTERN IN THE TARGET AREA. ONLY ONE S/E E/A WAS SEEN BUT THERE WERE NO ENCOUNTERS. FLAK WAS MEAGER AND GENERALLY INACCURATE FROM THE COAST TO THE TARGET AND MODERATE AND FAIRLY ACCURATE AT THE TARGET. ASSIGNED FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS UNABLE TO COVER THE MISSION DUE TO POOR WEATHER WHICH PREVENTED FIGHTERS FROM TAKING OFF. ALL BOMBERS RETURNED SAFELY.

NIGHT 12/13 MARCH, 1944

NO OPERATIONS

SEVENTH PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP RECONNAISSANCE

NO OPERATIONS

2. ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY AIR FORCE - 12 MARCH 1944

NINTH AIR FORCE

TWO MUSTANGS ON UNEVENTFUL WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE.

R.A.F.

13 TYPHOONS AND 2 MOSQUITOES ON RHUBARBES OVER FRANCE. ALL A/C RETURNED SAFELY. MOSQUITOES CLAIM A JU-86 AND A JU-52 DESTROYED AND A JU-52 DAMAGED ON THE GROUND. ALL OTHER PATROLS UNEVENTFUL.

3. FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE - 12 MARCH, 1944

ONE LIGHTNING FLEW WEATHER RECON. OVER THE CASSINO-GENOA-FLORENCE AREA.

4. R.A.F. BOMBER COMMAND - NIGHT 12/13 MARCH, 1944

11 MOSQUITOES ON AACHEN - NONE MISSING.
3 MOSQUITOES ON DUISBURG - NONE MISSING.

5. G.A.F. ACTIVITIES OVER ENGLAND - NIGHT 12/13 MARCH, 1944

12 E/A APPEARED FROM THE ROUEN AREA BETWEEN 2110 - 2220. FIVE OPERATED OVER THE SUSSEX COAST BETWEEN BEACHY HEAD AND HASTINGS. THE REMAINDER TURNED BACK BEFORE REACHING THE ENGLISH COAST.

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS**257TH OPERATION - 13 MARCH, 1944****PAS DE CALAIS AREA**

TWELVE GROUPS OF HEAVY BOMBERS - 133 B-17S AND 151 B-24S - ESCORTED BY FIVE GROUPS OF P-47S, WERE AIRBORNE TO ATTACK TARGETS IN THE PAS DE CALAIS AREA, BUT WEATHER PREVENTED BOMBING OF ANY OF THE ASSIGNED PRIMARIES. CREWS REPORTED 10/10 LOW CLOUD AND 5/10 TO 6/10 MEDIUM CLOUD OVER THE TARGETS, AND AS A RESULT ALL EXCEPT SEVEN A/C RETURNED WITH THEIR BOMBS. SEVEN B-17S TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A CLOUD BREAK OVER POIX A/D TO DROP 84 X 500 G.P. ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TARGET. CLOUDS CLOSED IN AGAIN IMMEDIATELY, SO THAT NO ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE OF RESULTS.

NO E/A WERE ENCOUNTERED BY EITHER BOMBERS OR FIGHTERS AND THE LATTER REPORTED A COMPLETELY UNEVENTFUL MISSION, WITH NO P-47S LOST. MODERATE BUT ACCURATE FLAK EXPERIENCED BY BOMBERS OVER ABBEVILLE AND IN THE VICINITY OF TARGETS ACCOUNTED FOR THE LOSS OF TWO B-17S AND MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE TO 28 B-17S AND 17 B-24S. IN ADDITION, ONE B-24 CRASHED IN ENGLAND, KILLING SIX OF THE CREW.

BOMBER OPERATIONS

UNIT	NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT (AB DISP. ATTACKED LOST)			TONS ON O.T.'S G.P. CLAIMS		
	PRIMARY O.T.'S					
1ST BOMB DIV.						
41ST CW	25	21	0	0	1	0 0 0
94TH CW	65	64	0	7	1	21 0 0 0
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	90	85	0	7	2	21 0 0 0
2ND BOMB DIV.						
2ND CW	76	73	0	0	0	0 0 0
20TH CW	75	71	0	0	0	0 0 0
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	151	144	0	0	0	0 0 0
3RD BOMB DIV.						
4TH CW	22	21	0	0	0	0 0 0
13TH CW	21	21	0	0	0	0 0 0
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	43	42	0	0	0	0 0 0
OPERATIONAL TOTALS						
TOTALS	284	271	0	7	2	21 0 0 0

FIGHTER OPERATIONS

GROUP	TYPE OF A/C	TYPE OF SUPPORT	NO. A/C ON MISSION	LOST	CLAIMS
361	P-47	AREA	42	0	0 0 0
359	P-47	AREA	48	0	0 0 0
352	P-47	FREE-LANCE PATROL	40	0	0 0 0
356	P-47	FREE-LANCE PATROL	36	0	0 0 0
353	P-47	FREE-LANCE PATROL	47	0	0 0 0
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			213	0	0 0 0

NOTE: THE FOREGOING IS BASED ON PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

AMENDMENT TO NARRATIVE OF 256TH OPERATION - 12 MARCH - PAS DE CALAIS

THE SIX A/C PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED DROPPED 47 X 1000 GP ON THE PRIMARY TARGET. ONE CREW MEMBER WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. OF THE 52 A/C OVER THE TARGET 26 RECEIVED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE FROM FLAK AND ONE CRASH LANDED AND WAS CATEGORY "E"

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Z 3047

THIS TARGET IS ONE OF THE "LARGE CONSTRUCTIONAL SITES" WHICH ARE THOUGHT TO BE FIRING SITES FOR ROCKETS OF EXTREMELY HEAVY CALIBER. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ROCKET PROJECTILES INVOLVED MAY WEIGH AS MUCH AS 40 TONS EACH - OF WHICH ONLY 10 TONS, HOWEVER, WOULD CONSTITUTE THE WARHEAD, WHILE THE REMAINDER OF THE WEIGHT WOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH THE CASING AND THE ROCKET PORTION ITSELF. THE THREAT WHICH THE COMPLETION OF THIS SITE WOULD PRESENT TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF ENGLAND IS OBVIOUS.

OTHER CROSSBOW TARGETS

THESE TARGETS ARE ALL OF THE STANDARD CROSSBOW TYPE, COMPLETE INFORMATION ON WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO GROUP S-2S.

Z 3094 AND Z 3115 HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED AND THEIR IMMEDIATE DESTRUCTION IS ESSENTIAL. THE CONSTRUCTIONAL WORK ON THE REMAINING FOUR TARGETS IS IN VARYNING STAGES OF COMPLETION, BUT ALL OF THEM ARE OVER HALF FINISHED.

FLAK INSTALLATIONS (SECONDARY TARGET)

COMPLETE INFORMATION HAS ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE GROUP CONCERNED BY SPECIAL MESSENGER.

FLAK:

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GROUPS ON TARGETS Z 3094, Z 3061, Z 3110C

THE TARGET AREA IS DEFENDED BY ABOUT FORTY HEAVY GUNS. ST POL, JUST OUT OF RANGE OF BRIEFED COURSE IN, HAS AT LEAST ELEVEN GUNS. COURSE OUT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED TO AVOID HEAVY FLAK DEFENSES AT ETAPLES AND TO THE NORTH OF ETAPLES.

GROUPS ON TARGET 3115

COURSE IN GOES CLOSE TO THE ST POL DEFENSES WHICH CONSIST OF AT LEAST ELEVEN GUNS. THERE ARE FOUR GUNS WELL WITHIN RANGE OF TARGET. A SHARP TURN AFTER BOMBING AND FOLLOWINV OF BRIEFED ROUTE OUT WILL EMADE KNOWN FLAK BATTERIES.

GROUP ON TARGET 3122

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GROUP ON TARGET 3018

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Z 3047

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OTHER CROSSBOW TARGETS

THESE TARGETS ARE ALL OF THE STANDARD CROSSBOW TYPE, COMPLETE INFORMATION ON WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO GROUP S-2S.

Z 3094 AND Z 3115 HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED AND THEIR IMMEDIATE DESTRUCTION IS ESSENTIAL. THE CONSTRUCTIONAL WORK ON THE REMAINING FOUR TARGETS IS IN VARYING STAGES OF COMPLETION, BUT ALL OF THEM ARE OVER HALF FINISHED.

FLAK INSTALLATIONS (SECONDARY TARGET)

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